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Title: Need to create a special State or an Autonomous State under article 244(A) of the Constitution comprising Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam.

SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI (AUTONOMOUS DISTT. ASSAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, thank you for allowing me to raise a matter relating to my parliamentary constituency.

Over the last few days there have been agitations in my parliamentary constituency, Karbi Anglong, Assam over the issue of a separate State. The people of these two districts of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao have been agitating and are demanding a separate State for over 30 years in a democratic and peaceful manner. These two districts are remote and backward in Assam. People of these two districts want that for the socio-economic development of the area and also to protect the tribal culture as also the tribal language and to protect their identity they want a separate State. For the last so many years they have been demanding a separate State but the Central Government has not conceded to the demand for a separate State by these people.

Sir, under article 244 (a) there is a provision for creation of an autonomous State with the State of Assam. This can be done to fulfill the aspirations of the local people. Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Central Government to kindly concede to the demand of the people of these two districts of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao to fulfill their political aspirations by granting them statehood.